

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DENISE CROS-TOURE, et al,

Defendants.

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Criminal No. 4:18-CR-230-O

ORDER

Before the Court is Defendants’ Amended Joint Motion for Continuance (ECF No. 39).¹ After reviewing the motion, the Court finds that the trial date should be reset for the reasons that follow, and the Court resets the case for trial on **January 4, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.** Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3161(h), a court can grant an “ends of justice” continuance at the request of a defendant or defendant’s attorney if the court does so on the basis of the finding “that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.” *Id.* One of the factors a court may consider in granting an “ends of justice” continuance is “[w]hether the failure to grant such a continuance . . . would deny counsel for the defendant . . . the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.” 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

Based on the reasons in the motion, the Court finds (1) that the ends of justice served

¹The Joint Motion to Continue (ECF No. 38) is accordingly denied as moot.

by the granting of a trial continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and defendants in a speedy trial; (2) that the failure to grant a continuance in this case would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence; and (3) that taking into account the exercise of due diligence by counsel, a continuance of the duration granted by this order is necessary for effective preparation by defense counsel.

The Government is directed to produce all discovery no later than October 15, 2018. All pretrial deadlines are extended for 45 days.

SO ORDERED on this **8th day of October, 2018**.


Reed O'Connor
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE